

Discussion/Study Guide for *Crash*, up through Chapter 23 (approximately the first half of the book)

Discuss and note the importance of the following words as they apply to the novel:

1. Buttons
2. Turtle
3. Conestoga Wagon
4. Missouri Mud
5. Last paragraph on page 16
6. Webberoni, Spider, Webbed One
7. Quaker
8. Phillies
9. Meatballs
10. Second Time Around
11. Cheerleading
12. Mustard
13. Football
14. Grandfathers
15. Explanation of the front cover image
16. Scooter
17. Food Fight

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Find the differences between the following characters:

1. Mr. Coogan and Mr. Webb

2. Mike Deluca and Crash Coogan

3. Mrs. Coogan and Mrs. Webb

4. Abby Coogan and Crash Coogan

Identify the following figurative language samples. Keep your eyes open as some might contain more than one figurative language. Make sure you have them marked in your book, as well:

1. “She was a goddess” (p 35)
2. “Abby raised her arms and swung around with a grin as big as a hoagie roll.” (p 48)
3. “She was stacking up the pepperonis like quarters on her plate” (p 54)
4. “I kept squirting till the spout blew yellow bubbles” (p 50)
5. “Other teams get a whiff of you, they’ll all faint and we’ll win by forfeit.” (p 52)
6. “We butted helmets like big horn sheep” (p 53)
7. “Abby threw her ugliest face at me.” (p 58)
8. “Us footballers all jumped up and pumped our fists and went, ‘Ouu! Ouu!’” (p 39)

Mark the last paragraph of page 63. Why is this passage important? How do you know Crash is angry?

Read the last paragraph of page 64. Why does Crash do this?

How does Crash’s personality change around Scooter? Read the last sentence of page 71. What does this sentence tell you about Crash?